

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

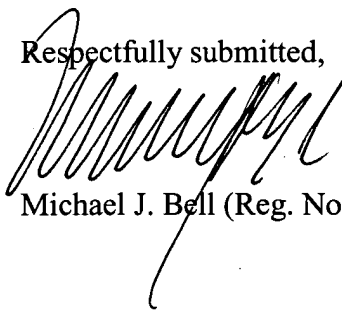
Applicants respectfully withdraw the Notice of Appeal filed in the above-identified application on April 16, 2007, in view of the Office Action mailed October 16, 2006.

Claims 55-57 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hei et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 5,567,444 in view of *Branton*, U.S. Patent No. 3,916,923 and *Pera*, U.S. Patent No. 5,415,192. Claim 58 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hei et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 5,567,444 in view of *Branton*, U.S. Patent No. 3,916,923 and *Pera*, U.S. Patent No. 5,415,192 as applied to Claim 57, and further in view of *Bowing et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 4,051,059. Claims 59-64 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hei et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 5,567,444 in view of *Branton*, U.S. Patent No. 3,916,923 and *Pera*, U.S. Patent No. 5,415,192 and DE-342711.

The Examiner indicated that Claims 35-38 are allowed.

In order to expedite prosecution, Applicant withdraws the Notice of Appeal and cancels claims 55-64 without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, Claims 35-38 are now allowable and Applicant requests a Notice of Allowability.

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